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Fairfield Coffee brews up plans for expanded offerings

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FAIRFIELD — A coffee house here is planning to expand its offerings now that it's free of its franchise restraints.

Fairfield Coffee at 311 Nilles Road started off as part of the the Kidd Coffee franchise, but was sold last year to a separate franchisee. Wrajean and Jeff Nauman, who opened the business in 2011, bought the rights to it late last year and said they renamed the coffee shop to reflect their commitment to the community.

The name change goes beyond the marquee and will affect the menu as well, Wrajean Nauman said.

"We want to make it even better," she said. "Since you're not in a franchise anymore, you can do whatever you want. We can ... come up with some different drinks, whereas before we had to stay within the guidelines."

While the place can't cook food in its current state, it can create sandwiches of its own and find additional "exciting foods" from area businesses to tempt patron's taste buds.

"I feel like if we have the ingredients to do something, why not do it?" Nauman said.

The coffee house, which goes "global" every week by adding an international coffee to its coffee selections, also offers organic Chai tea, hot chocolate, steamers, hot tea, iced tea, smoothies, soft drinks, juice and Frappachillers.

Menu items include muffins, biscotti, oatmeal, bagels, cinnamon rolls, cookies and sandwiches made fresh on-demand, but the business also seeks to provide spiritual sustenance with Bible classes of its own.

The Naumans also invite area Bible study groups and community organizations to gather and post messages brochures about their events.

"They're welcome to come out and put it anywhere they want in our store," Wrajean Nauman said. "I just feel that people appreciate that. They appreciate that we're willing to be here to help them."

Linda Walt, a Fairfield resident, said she often visits Fairfield Coffee.

"It's very warm, cozy and friendly," she said. "The prices are reasonable .. and (the owners) are very accommodating, very friendly."

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